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THE REFORMED CHURCH,
IN THE UNITED STATES,
FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
1878.

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1878.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn.	$\frac{5}{6}$ Mars.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Venus.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Moon.
				$\frac{1}{2}$ Jupiter.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Sun.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mercury.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Herschel.

- δ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.
 \oplus Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.
 δ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.
 \square Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
 \triangle Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.

HERSCHEL'S WEATHER TABLE.

This table and the accompanying remarks are the result of many years' actual observation, the whole being constructed on a due consideration of the attraction of the Sun and Moon, in their several positions respecting the earth, and, by simple inspection, it shows the observer what kind of weather will most probably follow the entrance of the Moon into any of its quarters, and that so near the truth as to be seldom or never found to fail.

IF THE NEW MOON, FIRST QUARTER, FULL MOON OR LAST QUARTER, HAPPENS	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Between midnight and 2 o'clock.....	Fair.....	Frost unless wind Southwest.
" 2 and 4 morning.....	Cold and showers.....	Snow and stormy.
" 4 " 6 ".....	Rain.....	Rain.
" 6 " 8 ".....	Wind and rain.....	Stormy.
" 8 " 10 ".....	Changeable.....	Cold rain if wind West, snow if East.
" 10 " 12 ".....	Frequent showers.....	Cold and high wind.
" 12 " 2 afternoon.....	Very rainy.....	Snow or rain.
" 2 " 4 ".....	Changeable.....	Fair and mild.
" 4 " 6 ".....	Fair.....	Fair.
" 6 " 8 ".....	Fair if wind Northwest.....	Fair and frosty if wind N. or N. E.
" 8 " 10 ".....	Rainy if South or Southwest.....	Rain or snow if South or S. W.
" 10 " midnight.....	Fair.....	Fair and frosty.

- OBSERVATIONS.**—1. The nearer the time for the Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter are to *midnight*, the fairer will be the weather during the next seven days.
 2. The space for this calculation occupies from ten at night till two next morning.
 3. The nearer to *midday* or *noon* the phase of the Moon happens, the more foul or wet weather may be expected during the next seven days.
 4. The space for this calculation occupies from ten in the forenoon to two in the afternoon. These observations refer principally to the Summer, though they affect Spring and Autumn nearly in the same ratio.
 5. The Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter, happening during six of the afternoon hours, i. e. from four to ten, may be followed by fair weather; but this is mostly dependent on the *wind*, as is noted in the table.
 6. Though the weather, from a variety of irregular causes, is more uncertain in the latter part of Autumn, the whole of Winter and the beginning of Spring, yet in the main the above observations will apply to those periods also.
 7. To prognosticate correctly, especially in those cases where the *wind* is concerned, the observer should be within sight of a good *vane*, where the four cardinal points of the heavens are correctly placed.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, F. Solar Cycle, 11. Golden Number, 17. Roman Indiction, 6. Epact, 26. Julian Period, 6591.
 The Jewish Era, with their 5639th year, commences September 28th, 1878.
 The Mohammedan Era, with their 1295th year, commences January 5th, 1878, and 1296th on the 26th of December, 1878.

MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 17.	Ash Wednesday, March 6.	Ascension, Holy Thurs., May 30.	Corpus Christi, June 20.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Mar. 3.	Palm Sunday, April 14.	Whit Sunday, Pentecost, June 9.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1.
Shrove Tuesday, March 5.	Easter Sunday, April 21.	Trinity Sunday, June 16.	Sundays after Trinity are 23.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 13.	June 12.	September 18.	December 18.
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THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, \odot enters Υ Mar. 20th, 12 o'clock, 23 min. Aftn'n.	Autumnal Equinox, \odot enters \cap Sept. 22d, 11 o'clock, 12 min. Evo.
Summer Solstice, " " δ June 21st, 8 " 49 " Morn.	Winter Solstice, " " ϑ Dec. 21st, 5 " 27 " "

(ϕ) Venus is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1878.

There will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.
 The first is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 2d, 2 o'clock, 46 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible in Australia and at the South Pole.
 The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, February 17th, 6 o'clock, 20 min. in the morning. Partly visible. Begins 4 o'clock, 40 min. in the morning. Middle, 6 o'clock, 10 min. in the morning. End, 7 o'clock, 37 min. in the morning, after the Moon sets.
 The third is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, July 29th, 4 o'clock, 22 min. in the afternoon. Visible here as a Partial Eclipse. Begins 4 o'clock, 41 min. in the afternoon. Middle, 5 o'clock, 33 min. in the afternoon. End, 6 o'clock, 24 min. in the afternoon. Over 7 digits on the southern part of the Sun will be eclipsed.
 The fourth is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, August 12th, 7 o'clock, 8 min. in the evening; will be partly visible when the Moon rises, and ends at 8 o'clock, 33 min in the evening.
 A transit of Mercury over the Sun's disc, May 6. Ingress, 10 o'clock, 15 min. morning. Middle, 2 o'clock, 0 min. afternoon. Egress, 5 o'clock, 44 min. evening. A small dark spot will pass over the Sun's disc from East to West. Duration, 7 hours and 23 minutes.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER.
Tuesday	1 <i>New Year.</i>	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	6 36		12 ♀ sets 8 23		47 23 4 37	11 16	
Wednesday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	Philip 2: 1-12	6 59		24 Orion south 10 57		47 23 4 37	12 22	
Thursday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19	7 sets		6 3rd. ♀ ♀ ♀ [in ♀		57 23 4 37	1 28	
Friday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	5 37		18 ☐ ♀ ☐ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀		57 22 4 38	1 56	
Saturday	5 Simeon	Psalms 24:	6 40		0 ♀ in Perihelion ♀ ♀ ☐		67 22 4 38	2 40	
1] <i>Sunday after New Year,</i> Luke 2: 33-40; Rom. 6: 12-18. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.</i>									
Sunday	6 <i>Epiphany.</i>	John 1: 29-34	7 39		12 Sirius south 11 30		67 21 4 39	3 24	
Monday	7 Widukind	" 1: 38-51	8 45		24 ♀ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 8 12		77 21 4 39	4 16	
Tuesday	8 Severinus	" 2:	9 54		6 ♀ in apo. ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀		77 20 4 40	4 50	
Wednesday	9 Catherine Zell	" 3:	10 59		18 ♀ sets 10 12		77 20 4 40	5 31	
Thursday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 4:	morn.		0 ♀ ♀ ☐ Inferior [6 14		87 19 4 41	6 16	
Friday	11 Fructuosus	" 5:	12 15		13 11th. ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ so.		87 19 4 41	6 54	
Saturday	12 Jean Castellian	" 6: 1-25	1 26		26 ♀ Rigel south 9 34		97 18 4 42	7 42	
2] <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany,</i> Luke. 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.</i>									
Sunday	13 Hilary	John 6: 26-71	2 30		9 ♀ ♀ ♀ Orion so. 10 9		97 17 4 43	8 36	
Monday	14 Felix	" 7:	3 34		23 Neptune stationary		97 17 4 43	9 27	
Tuesday	15 John de Laski	" 8: 1-20	4 40		7 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.		107 16 4 44	10 29	
Wednesday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 8: 21-50	5 48		22 ♀ gr. Brilliancy		107 15 4 45	11 26	
Thursday	17 Anthony	" 9:	6 26		7 ♀ sets 8 1		107 14 4 46	12 25	
Friday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 1-21	7 rises.		23 18th. ♀ sets 9 40		117 13 4 47	1 23	
Saturday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 10: 22-42	5 56		8 ♀ sets 11 56		117 12 4 48	2 11	
3] <i>2d Sunday after Epiphany,</i> John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.</i>									
Sunday	20 Fabian	Mark 1: 1-20	6 49		23 ♀ in per. ☐ enters ♀		117 11 4 49	2 54	
Monday	21 Agnes	" 1: 21-45	7 46		8 ♀. ♀ stationary		127 11 4 49	3 40	
Tuesday	22 Vincent	" 2:	8 52		22 Spica rises 11 32		127 10 4 50	4 26	
Wednesday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 1-19	9 59		6 7* south 7 17		127 9 4 51	5 13	
Thursday	24 Timothy	" 3: 20-35	11 12		19 ☐ Neptune ☐ [10 8		127 8 4 52	5 53	
Friday	25 <i>Paul's convers.</i>	" 4:	morn.		2 25th. Sirius south		137 7 4 53	6 41	
Saturday	26 Polycarp	" 5: 6: 1-6	12 8		15 ♀ sets 7 44		137 6 4 54	7 22	
4] <i>3d Sunday after Epiphany,</i> Matth. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.</i>									
Sunday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	Mark 6: 7-29	1 9		27 ♀ sets 11 45		137 5 4 55	8 12	
Monday	28 Charlemagne	" 6: 30-56	2 12		9 ♀ sets 9 12		137 4 4 56	8 52	
Tuesday	29 Juvenin	" 7: 1-23	3 18		21 Rigel south 8 21 [8 16		137 3 4 57	9 41	
Wednesday	30 Henry Müller	" 7: 24-37	4 20		3 ♀ ♀ ♀. Capella south		147 2 4 58	10 29	
Thursday	31 Hans Sachs	" 8:	5 29		15 ♀ stationary		147 1 4 59	11 28	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 3d, 9 o'clock, 2 min. Morning.
 First Quarter, 11th, 5 " 46 " Evening.
 Full Moon, 18th, 7 " 10 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 25th, 10 " 48 " Forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, clear;
 10, 11, rain and snow; 12, 13, 14, clear, cold; 15, 16,
 17, cloudy; 18, 19, snow; 20, 21, 22, clear, cold; 23,
 24, snow; 25, 26, coldest days; 27, 28, 29, cloudy;
 30, 31, rain and snow.

(27) Jupiter is in conjunction with the sun the 8th of this month, and cannot be seen.



Monica, the earnest Christian mother of St. Augustine, prayed thirty years for the conversion of her wayward son to Christianity. With sad heart she here stands on the sea-shore and watches the departing ship, on which he has stolen away from her to Rome. At length he became a most devoted believer, and also a most useful man. His writings did great good in his day, and have come down to our own time.

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THE MASTER SITS BY THE TREASURY.

BY MRS. W. E. MILLER.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."—Mark xii. 41.

The Master "sits over against it,"
As He did in the Temple of old,
When the rich in the vestibule tarried,
To cast in their treasures and gold:
And the Pharisee poured in his off'ring,
To chink 'gainst the sides of the chest;
And the widow stole up with her farthing,
And the Publican smote on his breast.

The Master still sits by the Treasury
As He did in the Temple of old,
Though centuries long have glided
Since the Pharisee cast in his gold.
And He sees, though the name is discarded,
The sect in its vigor remains,
And the devotee eases his conscience,
By giving of ill-gotten gains.

And the widow still comes with her off'ring,
All fragrant with love and with prayer,
And the Master accepts of the treasure,
The richest and sweetest that's there;
And pours in the heart of the giver,
So much of His love and His grace,
She goes forth to new self-denial,
Repaid by a glance of His face.

The Master still sits by the Treasury,
And oft sees the rich heavy fold
Of velvet and satin sweep near Him,
And the glitter of jewels and gold;
As the maiden comes up to deposit,
From fingers all flashing with light,
A dime—a penny—or farthing,
Unconscious, alas! of His sight.

The Master "sits over against it,"
O brother, can you, or can I,
With confidence bring in our off'ring,
And cast it beneath His pure eye?
Should He take up the gift—O how paltry!
And weigh it before us to-night,
Encumbered with every mixed motive,
Oh, what would it seem in His sight?

The Master "sits over against it"—
A terrible thought, and yet true;
When His servants, His own ransomed children,
Withhold from the Treasury His due;
And each of His substance is spending
For what seemeth best in his sight,
Yet goes through the door of the Temple
And casts to his Master his mite.

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. h. m.
Friday	1 Ignatius	Mark 9:	16 18	27	♂ ♀ ♀	14 7 0 5	0 12 29	
Saturday	2 Candle Mass	" 10: 1-31	♂ sets	9	♂ 2d. ♀ elong. W. ♀	14 6 59 5	1 1 31	
5] 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Matth. 8: 23-27; Rom. 13: 1-7. Day's Length, 10 hours, 4 min.								
Sunday	3 Ansgar	Matt. 3:	6 34	21	♀ rises 6 9	14 6 58 5	2 2 22	
Monday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 4: 1-22	7 39	3	♂ ♀ ♀ sets 7 16	14 6 56 5	4 3 14	
Tuesday	5 P. S. Spener	" 4: 23-5: 1-12	8 44	15	♂ in apo. ♂ ♀ ♀	14 6 55 5	5 3 54	
Wednesday	6 Amandus	" 5: 13-32	9 56	28	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 8 50	14 6 54 5	6 4 40	
Thursday	7 George Wagner	" 5: 32-48	10 59	10	♀ in Perihelion	14 6 53 5	7 5 21	
Friday	8 Maria Andrea	" 6:	11 58	22	Rigel south 7 40	14 6 52 5	8 5 57	
Saturday	9 John Hooper	" 7:	morn.	5	♂ ♀ ♀ sets 11 40	15 6 51 5	9 6 42	
6] 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Matt. 13: 24-30; Col. 3: 12-17. Day's Length, 10 hours, 20 min.								
Sunday	10 F. C. Oetinger	Matt. 8: 1-17	12 34	19	10th. ♀ sets 6 50	15 6 50 5	10 7 34	
Monday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 8: 17-34	1 28	3	7* sets 1 30	15 6 48 5	12 8 21	
Tuesday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 9:	2 29	17	Rigel south 7 25	15 6 47 5	13 9 10	
Wednesday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 10:	3 35	1	Antares rises 3 13	15 6 46 5	14 9 51	
Thursday	14 Brun. of Querfu't	" 11:	4 46	17	Orion south 7 56	14 6 45 5	15 10 43	
Friday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 12:	5 38	1	♂ sets 8 21	14 6 44 5	16 11 37	
Saturday	16 Matth. Desübas	" 13:	6 10	17	♂ ♀ ♀ sets 11 16	14 6 42 5	18 12 31	
7] Septuagesima Sunday, Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27 and 10: 1-5. Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 min.								
Sunday	17 Pat. Hamilton	Luke 3:	♂ rises, 7 10	15	17th. ♀ eclipsed. Vis. 28	14 6 41 5	19 1 29	
Monday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 4:	8 22	0	♂ in per. ♀ in Aphelion	14 6 39 5	21 2 18	
Tuesday	19 Mesrob	" 5:	9 35	14	♂ ♀ ♀ Inferior	14 6 38 5	22 3 8	
Wednesday	20 Sadoth	" 6: 1-19	10 37	27	Pollux south 9 36	14 6 37 5	23 3 42	
Thursday	21 Mainrad	" 6: 20-49	11 40	10	Spica rises 9 26	14 6 36 5	24 4 30	
Friday	22 Washington B.	" 7:	morn.	24	23d. Regulus rises 11 22	14 6 35 5	25 5 15	
Saturday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 8:				14 6 33 5	27 5 55	
8] Sexagesima Sunday, Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33—12: 1-9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 56 min.								
Sunday	24 Matthias	Luke 9: 1-36	12 34	6	♂ sets 11 26	13 6 32 5	28 6 39	
Monday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 9: 37-62	1 31	18	♂ sets 7 46	13 6 31 5	29 7 33	
Tuesday	26 Berthold Haller	" 10:	2 29	0	Antares rises 2 17	13 6 29 5	31 8 30	
Wednesday	27 Martin Bucer	" 11:	3 25	12	♂ ♀ ♀ rises 3 56	13 6 28 5	32 9 28	
Thursday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	4 12	24	Sirius south 7 43	13 6 27 5	33 10 26	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 2d, 3 o'clock, 17 min. Morning.
 First Quarter, 10th, 8 " 16 " Morning.
 Full Moon, 17th, 6 " 14 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 23d, 10 " 12 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy; 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, rain and snow;
 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, variable
 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24,
 cold; 25, 26, moderate; 27, 28, fair.

(♀) Venus is Evening Star until February 20; then Morning Star till December 5; then again Evening Star till the end of the year.



Every Christian family should ask a blessing at the table. This was the old Jewish custom, it was the Saviour's practice, and so the Apostles did (Acts 27: 35). Commonly the father asks a blessing, but often the children are taught to do it, and if so, they will likely afterward do it in their own home. Many a widowed, Christian mother teaches her little ones to fold their hands and pray at the table.

"UNWORTHY" AND "UNWORTHILY."

It would be both interesting and profitable to know how much time and thought different Christians give to preparation for the Holy Communion.

Doubtless much depends on disposition and age, as well as piety. Some neglect even the Preparatory service, and on the Lord's Day rush into sacred things almost wholly unprepared. Others go to the Preparatory service hurriedly, pressed by business, and so carry much of the world with them. Others wisely devote several days to special reading, prayer and thought, thus bringing themselves into proper sympathy with the service.

The Lord's Supper, being the most central, is

also the most solemn service of the Christian Church, and demands the highest degree of fitness we can bring to it.

People generally feel this; and therefore many a humble soul trembles at the seemingly severe words of Paul: "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself" (1 Cor. 11: 29).

Many quite misunderstand the meaning of this expression, "unworthily." They read it as if he had said "being unworthy." The difference between the two is very wide.

"Unworthy" relates to our general moral and religious condition; but "unworthily" relates to the manner, spirit, and motive of our eating and drinking, in the Lord's Supper.

We never here can be worthy, that is, pure and sinless. Smiting our breasts we must ever cry, "Unclean, unclean; God be merciful to me a sinner." And yet a proper sense of this unworthiness, humbly confessed, makes us acceptable before God, for Christ's sake.

To eat and drink "unworthily," is to come to the holy Eucharist without true repentance, confession, and resolutions of new obedience; to come self-righteously, confessing sin but finding comfort in our natural goodness and our good works; to come irreverently, thoughtlessly, even abusing the sacrament, as was done of old (1 Cor. 11: 22).

True fitness for the Holy Communion is the most simple of all things; and yet many stand in doubt of themselves, not because really unfit, but because they know not what true fitness is.

One main part of it is sincerity. He who stands in the Christian Church, and is truly interested in his salvation; who tries to please God, and is sincere in his whole religious life—such a Christian, anxious to be fit, cannot eat and drink unworthily, because with sincere heart he comes to the Father through Jesus Christ.

"My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine."
































"They eat and drink judgment to themselves, not because they are sinners, but because they are impenitent sinners."

To keep moths out of old clothing—give the clothing to the poor.

MARCH,

3d Month, 31 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER.
Friday	1 Suidbert	Luke 12: 13-59	5 10		7 ♀ gr. Nel. Sat. N. ☾	13 6 25	5 35	11 24	
Saturday	2 John Wesley	" 13: 1-21	5 52		17 ☽ ♂ ♀ ☿ ♁	12 6 24	5 36	12 13	
9] <i>Quinquagesima Sunday,</i> Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. <i>Day's Length, 11 hours, 14 min.</i>									
Sunday	3 Bathilde	Luke 13: 22-35	☽ sets		29 ☾ 3d. ♀ rises 5 13 ^{Mor. St.}	12 6 23	5 37	1 22	
Monday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 14:	6 58		12 ☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ^h ₂ ^{sets}	12 6 21	5 39	2 12	
Tuesday	5 Shrove Tuesday	" 15:	7 59		24 ♀ rises 3 36	12 6 20	5 40	2 48	
Wednesday	6 Ash Wednesday	" 16:	9 6		7 Sirius south 7 31	11 6 19	5 41	3 32	
Thursday	7 Perpetua	" 17: 1-19	10 15		19 Spica rises 8 40	11 6 17	5 43	4 16	
Friday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 17: 20-37	11 26		2 Arctur rises 7 42	11 6 16	5 44	5 6	
Saturday	9 Cyrillus	" 18: 1-30	morn.		16 ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 11 16	11 6 15	5 45	5 46	
10] <i>1st Sunday in Lent,</i> Matth. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. <i>Day's Length, 11 hours, 54 min.</i>									
Sunday	10 40 Martyrs at Sebaste	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	12 30		29 ♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	11 6 13	5 47	6 23	
Monday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 19: 29-20: 1-18	1 40		13 11th. ♀ rises 4 47	10 6 12	5 48	7 16	
Tuesday	12 Greg. the Great	" 20: 19-21: 1-4	2 28		27 ☾ Regulus S. 10 30 ☾	10 6 11	5 49	8 8	
Wednesday	13 Ember Day	" 21: 5-35	3 26		11 ♀ stationary ♂ N. ☉	10 6 10	5 50	8 52	
Thursday	14 Matilda	" 22: 1-30	4 12		25 Procyon south 7 54	9 6 8	5 52	9 40	
Friday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 22: 31-71	4 51		10 7* sets 11 27	9 6 7	5 53	10 36	
Saturday	16 Heribert	" 23:	5 20		25 ♀ rises 2 50	9 6 6	5 54	11 30	
11] <i>2d Sunday in Lent,</i> Matth. 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8. <i>Day's Length, 11 hours, 52 min.</i>									
Sunday	17 St. Patrick	Mark 10: 32-52	5 45		9 ♂ ☿ N. ☿	9 6 4	5 56	12 28	
Monday	18 Alexander	" 11:	☽ rise		23 18th. ☽ in per	8 6 3	5 57	1 21	
Tuesday	19 Mary & Martha	" 12:	7 17		8 ☾ ♀ rises 4 24	8 6 1	5 59	2 10	
Wednesday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 13:	8 30		22 ☉ enters ♀. ^{Day and Night} equal	8 6 0	6 0	3 4	
Thursday	21 Benedict	" 14: 1-54	9 44		5 Spring commences.	7 5 5	6 1	3 42	
Friday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 14: 55-15: 1-15	10 58		18 ☽ sets 11 6	7 5 5	6 3	4 34	
Saturday	23 Wolfgang	" 15: 16-47	morn.		1 Regulus south 9 48	7 5 5	6 4	5 16	
12] <i>3d Sunday in Lent,</i> Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. <i>Day's Length, 12 hours, 12 min.</i>									
Sunday	24 Florentius	Matt. 20: 17-33	12 0		14 Sirius south 8 10	6 5 5	6 5	6 6	
Monday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 21:	12 51		26 ☾ 25th. ^{Pollux South} 7 22 ☾	6 5 5	6 6	6 48	
Tuesday	26 Lindger	" 22:	1 40		8 ♀ rises 4 12	6 5 5	6 8	7 34	
Wednesday	27 Rupertus	" 23:	2 24		20 ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 2 26	6 5 5	6 9	8 22	
Thursday	28 John von Goch	" 24: 1-31	3 12		2 7* sets 10 47	5 5 5	6 10	9 12	
Friday	29 Eustatius	" 24: 32-51	3 44		14 ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ gr. brilliancy	5 5 4	6 12	9 54	
Saturday	30 John Heermann	" 25:	4 15		26 ☿. ☽ sets 11 2	5 5 4	6 13	10 42	
13] <i>4th Sunday in Lent,</i> John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31. <i>Day's Length, 12 hours, 28 min.</i>									
Sunday	31 Ernest the Pious	Matt. 26: 1-13	4 40		8 ☽ in apo.	4 5 4	6 14	11 36	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 3d, 10 o'clock, 16 min., Evening.
 First Quarter, 11th, 11 " 0 " "
 Full Moon, 18th, 4 " 6 " "
 Last Quarter, 25th, 11 " 49 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rainy; 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, 7, variable, with snow and rain; 8, 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, snow; 15, 16, cold; 17, 18, fair; 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, cold, N.W.; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, cloudy, rainy; 29, 30, 31, fair.

(h). Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 13th of this month, and cannot be seen.



David was not boastful; but when Saul underrated him, and thought him too small to fight Goliath, David told him that once when keeping his father's sheep he slew a lion and a bear, "and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them." Read the brave answer in 1 Sam. 17: 34-37.

TO FIND THE DAY OF YOUR BIRTH.

By this rule you can find the day of the week on which you were born:—

To your age at your next birthday add one-fourth, for leap years. Divide this by seven. If there be no remainder, you were born on the day on which your next birthday falls. If there be a remainder, count back this number of days from this day.

For example: You are 40; add one-fourth, and it is 50; divide by 7, and 1 remains. Your next birthday is Wednesday. Count back one day, and you find you were born on Tuesday.

Perhaps you are 66; add 16 (fractions are dropped), and it is 82; divide by 7, and the remainder is 5. Your birthday at 66 is Monday. Count back five days, and see you were born on Wednesday.

HOW TO KEEP LENT.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity: and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day. (Is. 58: 6-10.)

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

All our congregations should feel an interest in this very worthy and needy Society.

It assists the widows and children of deceased ministers, and disabled ministers also who may be unable to make a living.

Its members are ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States.

It now has a fund of \$13,000, safely invested, which is gradually increasing.

Its money comes from four sources: 1) interest on the \$13,000; 2) dues paid by members; 3) collections in congregations; 4) gifts and legacies from individuals.

Almost every year our Synods urge our people to aid this good work with their alms, and many congregations every year do so. Collections for this purpose commonly are taken in June.

Has your congregation done anything yet? Your dear pastor or his family may some day need help, and be obliged to ask it of this very Society. Then you will be glad, if you now do what you can to increase its funds and its usefulness.

Money may be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, Lancaster, Pa.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	Sun ^{HIGH WATER.} sets. h. m. h. m.
Monday	1 Fritigiid	Mark 26: 14-35	5 10		♂ ♀ ♀	45 44 6	16 12 28	
Tuesday	2 Theodosia	" 26: 36-56	♂ sets		2d. ♀ rises 3 58	45 43 6	17 1 23	
Wednesday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	7 58		♂ in Perihelion	35 42 6	18 2 14	
Thursday	4 Ambrose	" 27: 3-31	9 16		♂ ♀ . 7* sets 10 16	35 40 6	20 3 4	
Friday	5 Christ. Scriver.	" 27: 32-50	10 32		♂ rises 1 58	35 39 6	21 3 42	
Saturday	6 Albert Durer	" 27: 51-56	11 10		Sirius sets 10 40	25 38 6	22 4 36	

14] 5th Sunday in Lent, John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	7 Olaus Peterson	John 11:	11 56		♂ ♀ ♀ sets 11 0	25 37 6	23 5 15	
Monday	8 Mart. Chenmitz.	" 12:	morn.		Regulus south 8 54	25 35 6	25 6 4	
Tuesday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 13: 1-30	12 59		♂ Spica south 12 7	25 34 6	26 6 44	
Wednesday	10 Fulbert	" 13: 31-14	1 51		10th. ♀ rises 3 42	15 33 6	27 7 35	
Thursday	11 Leo the Great	" 15:	2 24		♂ Orion sets 10 56	15 32 6	28 8 24	
Friday	12 Sabas	" 16:	2 59		♂. Wega rises 8 59	15 31 6	29 9 11	
Saturday	13 Justin Martyr	" 17:	3 26		♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	15 29 6	31 9 50	

15] Palm Sunday, John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.

Sunday	14 John Eccart	Lam. Jeremiah	3 54		♂ rises 1 29	sun 5 28 6	32 10 42	
Monday	15 Simon Dach	Heb. 8:	4 16		♂ in Per. ♀ gr. elong. E.	fast 5 27 6	33 11 38	
Tuesday	16 Peter Waldo	" 9:	4 40		♂ sets 7 25	05 25 6	35 12 35	
Wednesday	17 Mappalicius	" 10:	♂ rises.		17th. ♀ rises 3 26	05 24 6	36 1 31	
Thursday	18 Maund. Thurs.	John 6:	8 56		♂ sets 10 52	15 23 6	37 2 20	
Friday	19 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	9 49		7* sets 9 24	15 22 6	38 3 12	
Saturday	20 John Bugenhag	Heb. 4:	10 49		♂ enters 8	15 21 6	39 3 43	

16] Easter Sunday, John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 min.

Sunday	21 Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	11 42		22 Rigel sets 9 41	15 20 6	40 4 29	
Monday	22 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	morn.		2 Aldebaran sets 9 22	25 18 6	42 5 10	
Tuesday	23 Adelbert	Acts 2: 22-47	12 29		♂ rises 1 0	25 17 6	43 5 51	
Wednesday	24 Wilfrid	1 Cor. 15:	1 7		24th. ♂ ♀ ♀	25 16 6	44 6 40	
Thursday	25 St. Mark, Evan	Rom. 6:	1 39		♂ ♀ ♀	25 15 6	45 7 31	
Friday	26 Trudpert	" 8:	2 8		♂. ♀ stationary	25 14 6	46 8 20	
Saturday	27 Otto Catelin	1 Cor. 3:	2 29		♂ in apo. ♀ rises 3 10	25 12 6	48 9 12	

17] 1st Sunday after Easter, John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	28 Fred. Myconius	John 1:	2 53		♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 3 12	35 11 6	49 9 50	
Monday	29 L. von Berquin	" 2:	3 12		♂ sets 10 46	35 10 6	50 10 44	
Tuesday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 3:	3 36		♂ Spica south 10 49	35 9 6	51 11 32	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 2d, 4 o'clock, 14 min. Afternoon.
 First Quarter, 10th, 9 " 54 " Forenoon.
 Full Moon, 17th, 12 " 56 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 24th, 3 " 36 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, thunder; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, showers.



Charles lives in the country, and has often seen fish in the springs and creeks; but here in the city he sees fish in a glass case, kept for the pleasure of the family. He wonders whether it is a pleasure also for the fish.

"PRAYING" MEMBERS.

This is a bad word, and as unfair as it is common. "How many praying members have you?"—that is, how many lead in public prayer?

It is a great wrong to thousands of faithful Christian men, who pray much to their Father in secret, but not at all in public.

It shuts out almost the whole body of faithful Christian women, who surely are not prayerless.

It wrongs all our dear children, whose morning and evening prayers rise like sweet incense to the throne of God.

All these are "praying" members. The word should not be used in its common, but unfair sense.

OLD EASTER CUSTOMS.

Long ago it was the custom in many Christian churches in England to put out all the fires on Easter Eve, and rekindle them with a flint. The church was illuminated with paschal tapers, as they were called. One of these tapers, used in a London church in 1557, weighed three hundred pounds. Sepulchres of boards or masonry were built in the churches before Good Friday and were kept guarded until after Easter, in imitation of the guard set to watch the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. There seems to have been a belief current during the Middle Ages that Christ was to appear again upon some Easter. At this time, too, many gifts were given to the poor—a loving custom.

The great joy of Easter also gave rise to the common notion that on Easter morning the sun danced at rising.

"Let all the steeples clash
Till the sun dance, as upon Easter day."

Many of these old customs have fallen away; but not that of the Easter egg, which is known to you all.

HOT CROSS-BUNS.

"Good Friday comes this month, the old woman runs,
With one or two a penny hot cross-buns,
Whose virtue is, if you believe what's said,
They'll not grow mouldy like the common bread."

The "hot cross-buns" belong to England. They are always baked on Good Friday, and one or two are kept through the whole year, "for luck," as the common people say. An old superstition taught that bread baked on Good Friday would cure disease, keep away dangers, and do many other impossible things.

The "hot cross-buns" are small, highly spiced, overlaid with sugar and marked with a cross. Almost every English family uses them on Good Friday, and they are largely given by friend to friend.





EASTER.

He that wishes to keep the Easter of eternity must first learn to keep the Easter day of time.






















He that would rise to glory must first lie down in grace—live in grace, die in grace, be buried in grace, and rest in grace.

To have a blessed resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ, you must live under His resurrection-power now (John 6: 54-58).








1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	^{HIGH} Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Philip & James	John 4:	4 2	 24	♀ gr. elong. West ☾	3 5	7 6	53 12	30
Thursday	2 Athanasius	" 5:	5 sets	 8	2d. ♂ ☽ ♀	3 5	6 6	54 1	29
Friday	3 Monica	" 6: 1-40	8 44	 22	♀ rises 3 4	3 5	5 6	55 2	14
Saturday	4 Florian	" 6: 41-71	9 47	 6	2/ rises 12 42	3 5	4 6	56 3	6








18] *2d Sunday after Easter,* John 10: 11-16; 1 Pet. 2: 20-25. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 min.*

Sunday	5 Fred. the Wise	John 7:	10 51 	20  sets 10 41	3 5	3 6	57	3	46
Monday	6 John of Damasc.	" 8: 1-30	11 48 	4        Interior 	4 5	2 6	58	4	28
Tuesday	7 Otto the Great	" 8: 31-59	morn. 	19  rises 2 58	4 5	1 6	59	5	14
Wednesday	8 Stanislaus	" 9:	12 22 	3 Sirius sets 8 41	4 5	0 7	0	6	2
Thursday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 10:	1 2 	17  9th. 	4 4	5 9	7	1	6 42
Friday	10 John Heuglin	" 11:	1 32 	 Arctur south 11 1	4 4	5 8	7	2	7 30
Saturday	11 John Arndt	" 12:	1 57 	15  rises 12 21	4 4	5 7	7	3	8 32








19] 3d Sunday after Easter, John 16: 16-22; 1 Pet. 2: 11-19. Day's Length, 14 hours, 8 min.

Sunday	12	Meletius	John 13: 14:	2 21		29	♀ rises 2 55	44 567	4 9 36
Monday	13	Servatius	" 15:	2 46		12	♂ in per. Antaresso. 1 2	44 557	5 10 37
Tuesday	14	Pachomius	" 16: 17:	3 8		26	♂ sets 10 25	44 547	6 11 34
Wednesday	15	Moses	" 18:	3 35		9	♂ Orion sets 8 44	44 537	7 12 30
Thursday	16	Martyrs at L.	" 19:	♂ rises.		22	♂ 16th. ☐ ✕ ☉	44 527	8 1 26
Friday	17	Joachim of Flor.	" 20:	8 51		5	♂ in Aphelion	44 527	8 2 4
Saturday	18	80 Martis. under Val.	" 21:	9 46		17	♂ rises 2 38	44 517	9 2 45

20] *4th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	19 Alcuin	Heb. 1: 2:	10 30		0	♂ stationary	☾	44 50	7 10	3 37
Monday	20 Val. Herberger	" 3: 4:	11 4		12	♀ rises 2 44		44 49	7 11	4 25
Tuesday	21 Constantine	" 5: 6:	11 40		24	♂ ☽ ♃. ☉ enters ♀		44 48	7 12	5 5
Wednesday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 7:	morn.		6	♂ rises 11 59		44 47	7 13	5 46
Thursday	23 Jerome Savanor	" 8:	12 31		17	☾ 23d. ♄ 7* sets 7 6		44 46	7 14	6 32
Friday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 9:	12 58		29	☾ sets 10 20		34 46	7 14	7 24
Saturday	25 Augustine	" 10:	1 24		11	♂ stationary		34 45	7 15	8 26

21] 5th Sunday after Easter, John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Heb. 11:	1 46		23	♃ in apo. 6 ♃ ♃	3 4	44 7	16	9	30
Monday	27 John Calvin	" 12:	2 14		6	♃ rises 2 12	3 4	43 7	17	10	34
Tuesday	28 Lanfranc	" 13:	2 52		19	♂ ♃ ♀. ♀ rises 2 36	3 4	43 7	17	11	25
Wednesday	29 David Zeisberger	John 14:	3 16		2	♂ rises 11 30	3 4	42 7	18	12	10
Thursday	30 <i>Ascension Day</i>	Col. 2:	3 39		16	♂ ♃ ♀. ♀ in Aphelion	3 4	41 7	19	12	45
Friday	31 Joac'm Neander	John 15:	♃ sets		0	 31st. Arctur south 9 37	3 4	41 7	19	1	29

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	7 o'clock,	49 min.,	morning.
First Quarter,	9th,	5	31 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	16th,	9	30 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	23d,	8	40 "	morning.
New Moon,	31st,	8	46 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, thunder; 8, 9, cloudy; 10, 11, 12, fair, warm; 13, rain; 14, 15, clear, cool; 16, frost; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, thunder; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, showers; 29, 30, 31, fair.



A CHAPTER OF HINTS.

1). "Getting religion"—yes, we get it; not in bulk, however, but by degrees. The Christian life is not merely a term of years, but a process of grace.

2). "It's a very good rule in all things in life,
When judging a friend or a brother,
Not to look at the question alone on one side,
But always to turn to the other."

3). When a stranger enters your church, always take him to a seat. He will not only feel at home then, but also likely come again.

4). When a strange minister preaches for you, fail not to take him by the hand after service. Especially is this the duty of officers. Many congregations, without meaning it, treat a visiting minister with unkind coolness. Most ministers have feelings like other people.

5). Some tolerably good people listen to a sermon as they do to the Declaration of Independence, not from real interest, but out of respect.

6). People often give the minister entirely too short notice to attend funerals. Especially if he is a young man, he needs time to make suitable preparation.

7). If children have not a positively Christian home, their catechization will likely fall far short of its proper end. The "nurture of the Lord" is before "admonition" (Eph. 6: 4), not only in time, but also as a divinely appointed order.

8). Do you know that it is good to give your minister an encouraging word sometimes? A little praise, once in a while, will brighten his face and lighten his heart. Do you know that his heart sometimes aches for just such a word?

9). Three things make up good behaviour in church: 1st, Silence. Talk at home, and on the way. 2d, Keep awake. Do your sleeping in bed. 3d, Take a devout part in all the services. Do not sit there as if you had no interest in what is going on.

10). It is a bad sign when men pay other dues first, and leave church-dues till the last. "If I have anything left" they say, as though they did not owe the Lord anything, or at least were in no hurry to pay Him. So the church goes begging.

11). Some members have great zeal for the interests of their congregation, but care nothing about the Church at large. Is this from ignorance, or is it selfishness? Such people should read the Church paper.

12). The church is the right place, and early is the right time, to have your children baptized. But some delay the baptism till the child is old enough to be unruly, or perhaps gets sick, and then have the baptism at home.

13). What a sad record some Christians make for themselves by absence from the Lord's table! An old elder, who died a few years ago, did not miss one Communion in forty-five years; and another, still living in Western Pennsylvania, who was confirmed in 1817, has not in all these sixty years, missed one Communion. What a comfort to themselves, and what an example to others!

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	John 16:	9 18	♏ 15	♀ rises 2 30	3 4	40 7 20	2 18
22]	6th Sunday after Easter,	John 15: 26-16: 1	Pet. 4: 8-11.		Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.			
Sunday	2 Pothinus	1 John 1:	9 54	♏ 29	♄ gr. elon. West	2 4	40 7 20	3 18
Monday	3 Chlotilde	" 2:	10 36	♏ 15	♄ ♀ ♄ ♄ sets 10 15	2 4	39 7 21	3 48
Tuesday	4 Quirinus	" 3:	11 12	♏ 29	♄ rises 3 37	2 4	39 7 21	4 34
Wednesday	5 Boniface	" 4:	11 50	♏ 14	♄ rises 1 48	2 4	39 7 21	5 22
Thursday	6 Norbert	" 5:	morn.	♏ 28	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. s.	2 4	38 7 22	6 10
Friday	7 Paul Gerhart	Joel 3:	12 11	♏ 12	♄ 7th. ♀ rises 11 8	2 4	38 7 22	6 51
Saturday	8 A. H. Francke	John 17:	12 36	♏ 26	♏ Libra south 9 43	1 4	37 7 23	7 40
23]	Whit Sunday or Pentecost,	John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.			
Sunday	9 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	1 8	♏ 9	♄ in per. Spica south 8 9	1 4	37 7 23	8 34
Monday	10 Whit Monday	" 5:	1 32	♏ 23	Antares south 11 6	1 4	36 7 24	9 24
Tuesday	11 Barnabas	Romans 12:	2 2	♏ 6	♀ rises 2 22	1 4	36 7 24	10 24
Wednesday	12 Emberday	1 Cor. 13:	2 32	♏ 19	♄ rises 10 40	1 4	36 7 24	11 24
Thursday	13 Isaac Le Febre	Rom. 6: 19-7:	3 1	♏ 1	♄ rises 1 18	0 4	35 7 25	12 23
Friday	14 Basil	" 8:	♄ rises.	♏ 14	♏ 14th. ♄ sets 10 1	sun 4	35 7 25	1 22
Saturday	15 W. Wilberforce	2 Cor. 5:	8 46	♏ 26	♏ Alt. south 12 9	at w 4	35 7 25	2 12
24]	Trinity Sunday,	John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.			
Sunday	16 Richard Baxter	Acts 1: 2:	9 24	♏ 8	Libra south 9 2	0 4	35 7 25	2 48
Monday	17 John Tauler	" 3:	9 59	♏ 20	♀ rises 2 16	1 4	35 7 25	3 32
Tuesday	18 Pamphilus	" 4:	10 24	♏ 2	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 10 10	1 4	35 7 25	4 14
Wednesday	19 Council at Nice	" 5:	10 50	♏ 14	Antares south 10 31	1 4	35 7 25	4 46
Thursday	20 27 Martyrs	" 6:	11 16	♏ 26	♏. ♄ rises 12 40	1 4	35 7 25	5 41
Friday	21 Matth. Claudius	" 7:	11 36	♏ 8	♏ enters ☊. Longest Day. in apo sum c.	1 4	34 7 26	6 19
Saturday	22 Gottschalk	" 8:	11 58	♏ 20	♏ 22d. ♄ ♀ ♄. ♄	1 4	35 7 25	7 9
25]	1st Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.			
Sunday	23 Gottfried Arnold	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	morn.	♏ 2	♄ sets 9 48	2 4	35 7 25	7 49
Monday	24 John Baptist	Acts 10:	12 19	♏ 14	♏ ♀ ♀. Reg. sets 10 29	2 4	35 7 25	8 30
Tuesday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 11:	12 49	♏ 26	Wega south 12 17	2 4	35 7 25	9 12
Wednesday	26 J. Val. Andreae	" 12:	1 30	♏ 10	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2 4	35 7 25	9 54
Thursday	27 Seven Sleepers	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-17	2 20	♏ 24	♄ ♀ ♀. ♄ rises 2 14	3 4	35 7 25	10 48
Friday	28 Irenæus	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 51	♏ 8	♄ rises 9 30	3 4	35 7 25	11 41
Saturday	29 Peter and Paul	" 4: 17-5:	3 16	♏ 23	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 12 12	3 4	36 7 24	12 36
26]	2d Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.			
Sunday	30 Raymond Lully	James 1:	♄ sets	♏ 8	♏ 30th. ♄ in Perihelion	3 4	36 7 24	1 31

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 10 o'clock, 52 min., evening.
 Full Moon, 14th, 6 " 40 " "
 Last Quarter, 22d, 7 " 15 " "
 New Moon, 30th, 7 " 23 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, thunder; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, warm;
 9, thunder; 10, 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, fair; 15, rain;
 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24,
 showers; 25, 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, showers.



"A life on the ocean wave,
A home on the rolling deep."

"So people may sing," said Mary, "but give me a boat-ride on the old mill-dam, or, at furthest, on the smooth creek that runs through uncle's farm. No great waves, no sea-sickness there, and less danger, with beautiful water lilies all around."

EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION.

Of course we believe in it; and if you could hear our ministers exhort their catechumens and people to repentance, faith, and godly living, you would not doubt the fact.

What is more far-reaching than our confirmation vows? What is more searching than our preparatory service, with its solemn address, confession, and petitions?

Any one who thinks that the Reformed Church does not believe and teach that religion is experimental,—well, he had better ask some of our members.

ELDERS AND DEACONS.

The office which our Saviour committed to the apostles (Matt. xxviii. 19, 20), widened as the Church grew and her wants multiplied, so that first deacons were added (Acts vi. 3-6), and afterward elders, to meet the temporal and spiritual wants of the Church.

This office has come down to us in its threefold form—pastor, elder, and deacon.

The fact that elders and deacons are actually a part of the ministry, is too commonly overlooked, and the oversight works evil, because too little stress is then laid on the fitness of the man (Acts vi. 3), and he again is likely to under-estimate his office, which then easily leads to the neglect of its duties.

Elders and deacons should take their vows of office with great sincerity of heart and earnestness of purpose, fully resolved to do *all* the duties of their office. It is not enough to do the easy and pleasant duties.

It is easy for the elder to take part in receiving persons into membership; but it is very painful to lay the rod of correction (admonition, suspension, excommunication) upon those whose good demands it—perhaps his own child, or other near relative, an old neighbor, or a profitable customer in business.

It is easy for the deacon to be an usher, and pleasant to lift the alms; but to attend meetings of the Consistory, watch the finances, dun slow payers, bear insults with patience, manage the business of the congregation, and help to decide delicate questions and difficult cases—all this is neither easy nor pleasant, but yet it is included in the oath of office.

Therefore elders and deacons must faithfully do the unpleasant as well as the pleasant duties of their office, or else one of two things will happen—either the interests of the congregation will suffer, or else the burden of work and responsibility will be pushed upon innocent shoulders.

Then, too, elders and deacons, in business life and in social life, should never forget that they are church officers, ministers of Christ, and therefore bound by the most sacred obligations to be good men, humble, consistent, and pure.

FORMALITY is not the use of forms, but their empty use.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 H. Voes	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	8 54		23 ♀ rises 2 7	3 4	36 7	24 2	20
Tuesday	2 Visit V. M.	James 2:	9 29		8 ☉ in Apogee 6 2 8	4 4	36 7	24 3	10
Wednesday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 3:	9 59		23 ☿. ♀ sets 9 29	4 4	37 7	23 3	54
Thursday	4 Independence	" 4:	10 24		8 ♀ in per. 6 8 ☉ Super'r	4 4	37 7	23 4	46
Friday	5 Lord Cobham	" 5:	10 48		22 ♀ rises 11 40	4 4	37 7	23 5	34
Saturday	6 John Huss	Jude	11 10		6 Regulus sets 9 32	4 4	38 7	22 6	22

27] 3d Sunday after Trinity, Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	7 Willabald	Acts 13:	11 49		19 7th. ♀ rises 8 54	4 4	38 7	22 7	11
Monday	8 Kilian	" 13: 1-12	morn.		3 Altair south 12 34	5 4	39 7	21 7	57
Tuesday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 14: 13-52	12 5		16 Spica sets 11 33	5 4	39 7	21 8	45
Wednesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 15:	12 40		28 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5 4	40 7	20 9	32
Thursday	11 Placedus	" 16:	1 19		11 ♀ rises 2 6	5 4	40 7	20 10	33
Friday	12 Henry II.	" 17:	2 6		23 ♀ rises 11 10	5 4	41 7	19 11	34
Saturday	13 Eugenius	" 17: 15-18: 11	2 59		5 Dog Days Begin	5 4	41 7	19 12	35

28] 4th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.

Sunday	14 Bonaventura	1 Thess. 1:	♂ rise		17 14th. ♀ stationary	5 4	42 7	18 1	36
Monday	15 Answer	" 2: 1-16:	8 20		29 ☉ 6 2 ♀. ♀ rises 8 0	6 4	43 7	17 2	29
Tuesday	16 Anna Askow	" 2: 17-3:	8 45		11 ♀ sets 8 50	6 4	43 7	17 3	15
Wednesday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 4:	9 6		22 ♀. Andromeda rises 8 36	6 4	44 7	16 4	5
Thursday	18 Arnulf	" 5:	9 27		4 Vega south 11 41	6 4	45 7	15 4	50
Friday	19 Louisa Henrietta	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	9 49		16 ♀ rises 2 10	6 4	46 7	14 5	36
Saturday	20 John Martheil	" 2: 13-3	10 14		28 ♀ in apo. 6 2 ♀	6 4	46 7	14 6	24

29] 5th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	21 Eberhard	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 37		10 ♀ rises 10 36	6 4	47 7	13 7	10
Monday	22 Mary Magdalen	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	10 59		23 ☉ 22d. ☉ enters ♄	6 4	48 7	12 7	59
Tuesday	23 Godfr. v Hamelle	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 22		6 Altair south 11 32	6 4	49 7	11 8	44
Wednesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	11 56		19 Arctur sets 1 6	6 4	50 7	10 9	31
Thursday	25 St. James	" 3: 15	morn.		3 ♄ ♀ ☉. ♀ south 11 59	6 4	50 7	10 10	20
Friday	26 Christopher	" 4:	12 39		17 Antares south 7 59	6 4	51 7	9 10	59
Saturday	27 Raym Palmarius	" 5: 6:	1 45		1 ☉ ♀. ♀ rises 2 12	6 4	52 7	8 11	46

30] 6th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	1 Cor. 1:	2 57		16 ♀ rises 10 0	6 4	53 7	7 12	37
Monday	29 Olaus	" 2:	♂ sets		2 29th. ☉ eclipsed visible ♄	6 4	54 7	6 1	28
Tuesday	30 John Wessel	" 3: 4: 1-4	7 48		17 ☉ 6 2 ♄. ♄ sets 8 10	6 4	55 7	5 2	18
Wednesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 4: 5: 5: 1-8	8 18		2 ☉ in Aphelion	6 4	56 7	4 3	6

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th, 3 o'clock, 19 min., morning.
Full Moon,	14th, 2 " 52 " "
Last Quarter,	22d, 7 " 15 " "
New Moon,	29th, 4 " 40 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, warmest days; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, pleasant; 10, 11, 12, warm; 13, 14, showers; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, thunder; 22, 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, thunder showers; 30, 31, fair.

(♃). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun, the 25th of this month, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.



The town has its attractions; but more delightful is the calm country, with its shady lanes, green fields, blooming orchards, fragrant clover, ripening grain, and above all, its quiet manner of life. Happy ye, who free from the noise, excitement, and heat of the city, spend your days in the cool, quiet, healthful country.

CATECHIZATION.

We are brought to conviction and conversion largely by the preaching of the gospel.

Just this fact shows the force and meaning of Catechization, which indeed is the old form of preaching, at least essentially, as in part the means for bringing men to repentance, faith, and obedience.

And our faith in catechization is grounded in the fact which experience and observation have taught us, namely, that that repentance, faith, and obedience is the best, safest, deepest, and most enduring which is the work of time, the fruit of teaching and training running through years.

STANDING AND KNEELING IN PRAYER.

Kneeling is the posture of humiliation, contrition, and confession, and so belongs to the more solemn services of the Church (fast-days, preparatory service, passion week, etc.); also it belongs to private prayer.

Standing is the posture of joy, confidence, and general petition. Standing was the common posture in Jewish prayer (Luke 18: 11-13).

Prostration, or bowing down to the earth, is also mentioned in the Scriptures (Josh. 7: 6; 1 Kg. 18: 42; Matt. 26: 39).

But sitting—the modern, bad, irreverent, and growing habit of sitting during prayer—was not known, much less allowed. This is the position of rest, ease, and idleness, not of earnest pleading with God. Neh. 8: 6 is sometimes quoted, or rather misquoted in its favor. Those people, however, were not sitting, but standing; and this bowing was not leaning the head forward on a pew-back, cushioned with a jeweled hand or a perfumed handkerchief, but the low bowing of the whole body—so common in the East even now—“with their faces to the ground.”

A right posture in prayer is no small matter, for God appointed it. A beggar at the door, or a friend in the parlor, may charm or disgust you with his manners. Improper posture in prayer—though few think of it—is just so much against your religious life, quietly reacting upon you and doing you hurt. The outward form is not a small thing.

A GOOD OLD PLAN.

When about to build or repair a church or parsonage, do as the Hebrews did in building the Tabernacle (Ex. xxxvi. 5-7), and as good King Josiah did in repairing the Temple (2 Kg. xxii. 4-6)—namely, gather the money before the work is begun.




Any good business man can tell you a dozen reasons why this plan is wise and safe.

“A SHEEP may fall into the mire as well as a swine,” says a quaint writer; “but a sheep dreads the fall, and quickly rises from it, while the swine, loving uncleanness, lies there.”








AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.








1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun rises. h. m. h.	Sun sets. h. m. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Maccabees	1 Col. 5: 9-6:	8 43		17 ♀ in per. ♀ rises 2 26	6 4 57	7 3 3	4 9	
Friday	2 Mart. under Nero	" 7:	9 8		1 ☐ Neptune ☉. ♀ in ☊	6 4 58	7 2 4	3 5	
Saturday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 8: 9:	9 35		15 ♀ rises 9 42	6 4 59	7 1 5	2 2	








31] 7th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 0 min.

Sunday	4 Leonard Käser	1 Cor. 10: 11-1	10 2		29 ♀ sets 7 58	6 5 0	7 0 6	12 25	
Monday	5 Salzbg'g Evang.	" 11: 2	10 34		12 5th. ♀ south 11 22	6 5 1	6 59 7	4	
Tuesday	6 Transfiguration	" 12: 1-30	11 13		25 Sirius rises 4 29	6 5 2	6 58 7	50	
Wednesday	7 Nonna	" 12: 31-13	morn.		8 Orion rises 2 14	5 5 3	6 57 8	42	
Thursday	8 Hormisdas	" 14:	12 10		20 Spica sets 9 29	5 5 4	6 56 9	31	
Friday	9 Numidicus	" 15: 1-34	1 20		2 ♀ rises 9 0	5 5 5	6 55 10	27	
Saturday	10 Laurentius	" 15: 35-16	2 38		14 ♀ rises 2 34	5 5 6	6 54 11	26	








32] 8th Sunday after Trinity, Matt 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	3 50		26 ☿ ♀ ♀ south 11 2	5 5 7	6 53 12	25	
Monday	12 An of Havelberg	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	♂ rise	8 	12th. ☽ eclipsed, visible ☊	5 5 8	6 52 1	24	
Tuesday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 1: 23-2	7 30		20 ♀ in Aphellon. ☽ Elong E.	5 5 9	6 51 1	56	
Wednesday	14 James Guthrie	" 3: 4: 1-6	7 50		1 ♀ sets 7 41	4 5 10	6 50 2	46	
Thursday	15 Virgin Mary	" 4: 7-5: 10	8 12		13 Antares sets 11 5	4 5 12	6 48 3	33	
Friday	16 John of Saxony	" 5: 11: 6: 7: 1	8 34		25 ☽ in apo. ☿ ♀ ♀	4 5 13	6 47 4	21	
Saturday	17 John Gerhard	" 7: 2:	8 58		7 ♀ rises 8 30	4 5 14	6 46 5	59	

33] 9th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13. Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	18 Hugo Grotius	2 Cor. 8:	9 27		20 ♀ rises 2 46	4 5 15	6 45 6	41	
Monday	19 Sebaldu	" 9:	9 57		2 ♀ south 10 40	3 5 16	6 44 7	30	
Tuesday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 10:	10 41		15 20th. Spica sets 4	3 5 17	6 43 8	11	
Wednesday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 11:	11 36		28 ☾ Wega south 8 30	3 5 18	6 42 8	49	
Thursday	22 Symphorianus	" 12: 1-18	morn.		12 Procyon rises 3 9	3 5 20	6 40 9	34	
Friday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 12: 19-13:	12 38		26 ☉ enters ♊	2 5 21	6 39 10	16	
Saturday	24 Bartholomew	Acts 20: 1-13	1 40		10 Dog Days End	2 5 22	6 38 10	57	

34] 10th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	25 Louis IX.	Rom. 1: 1-17	2 36		25 ♀ rises 7 46	2 5 23	6 37 11	34	
Monday	26 Ulfilas	" 1: 18-31	3 29		10 ☿ ♀ ♀ rises 3 1	2 5 25	6 35 12	14	
Tuesday	27 Jovinian	" 2:	4 25		25 ♀ stationary	1 5 26	6 34 12	58	
Wednesday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 3:	♂ sets	10 	28th. ☿ ♀ ♀	1 5 27	6 33 1	36	
Thursday	29 St. John Bapt.	" 4:	7 22		25 ☽ in per. ☿ ♀ ♀	1 5 28	6 32 2	24	
Friday	30 Claud of Turin	" 5: 1-11	7 48		10 ♀ south 10 4	1 5 29	6 31 3	12	
Saturday	31 Aidan	" 5: 12-21	8 26		25 Sirius rises 3 0	0 5 30	6 30 4	5	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th, 8 o'clock, 18 min. morning.
 Full Moon, 12th, 7 " 15 " evening.
 Last Quarter, 20th, 11 " 6 " "
 New Moon, 28th, 12 " 12 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, showers; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, fair;
 9, 10, pleasant; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17,
 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, 27,
 fair; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, fair.



"Praise God for the ingathered harvest," says the Christian farmer, as the last load of grain leaves the field. He sees God's hand in it all. God made the seed, and caused it to grow, and watered it with rain, and shaded it with clouds, and ripened it with sunlight, and also enabled us to reap the rich harvest and gather it into barns. "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness" (Ps. 65: 11).

TOBACCO IN CHURCH.

Reverence for God's house forbids the defilement of it with tobacco or any other filth. What pools are often seen upon the floor! What ugly streaks upon the wall! How disgusting and unbecoming even spittoons are in this holy place! Who would think of smoking during service? Yet many, without a thought, greedily chew in church, and besmear God's house with dirty spittle. Can you not deny yourself even an hour out of reverence for the temple of God?

IS THIS THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST?

What a world of meaning there is in Paul's exhortation (Phil. 2: 5), "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"! With it compare the following facts:

1). Some people will not work in church matters, unless you give them such or such positions (of ease, honor, preference, etc.) as they selfishly desire. Is this the mind of Christ Jesus?

2). Some people will not agree to the doing of anything, unless they are first consulted.

When that is done they are ready for anything that is reasonable; but without this, they will even oppose you and make trouble. Is this the mind of Christ Jesus?

3). Some people who are in the work will not stay there unless you let them do as they please. You dare not even make a suggestion.

Their way is best, and you soon hear them say, "Get some one else to do it!" This may be hard to do, and they know it, and therefore all the more defiantly challenge you. For various reasons, indeed, you may be obliged to bear their bitter treatment; but is this the mind of Christ Jesus? Thus, in various ways, congregations and Sunday-schools are really weak and crippled, because so many workers have not a right mind. Pride, prejudice, indolence, stubbornness, conceit, ignorance—these are terrible powers of evil in the church, because utterly opposed to the mind of Christ Jesus. For this mind let us pray.

IT IS A DUTY.

Often at the yearly election for officers, men having the very best fitness refuse to bear office.

Such persons should remember two things,—1) What the Catechism says (55), of the Communion of Saints: "Every one must know it to be his duty readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts for the advantage and salvation of other members." 2) The call of the congregation is truly the call of God. "Look ye out among you seven men" (Acts 6: 3), said the Apostles.

Wanting to have other people's religious experiences is like wanting to wear another man's clothes. They do not fit you.

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises.	Sun h. m.	Sun sets.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER.
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35] 11th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.

Sunday	1 Hanna	Rom. 6:	8 58		8 ♀ rises 3 24	05 32	6 28	4 49	
Monday	2 Mamas	" 7:	9 23		♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	05 33	6 27	5 34	
Tuesday	3 Hildegard	" 8: 1-15	9 58		3d. ♀ rises 7 10	15 35	6 25	6 25	
Wednesday	4 Ida	" 8: 16-39	10 48		♂ Spica sets 7 49	15 36	6 24	7 16	
Thursday	5 John Mollio	" 9: 1-13	11 44		♂ Aldebaran rises 10 36	15 37	6 23	8 8	
Friday	6 Martin Weibel	" 9: 14-33	morn.		♂ Sirius rises 2 37	25 39	6 21	8 54	
Saturday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 10:	12 50		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 9 30	25 40	6 20	9 42	

36] 12th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	8 Corbinian	Rom. 11:	1 58		5 Orion rises 12 12	25 41	6 19	10 34	
Monday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 12:	3 4		♂ ♀ rises 3 41	35 42	6 18	11 30	
Tuesday	10 Paul Separatus	" 13:	4 14		♂ ♀ ☉ Inferior	35 44	6 16	12 26	
Wednesday	11 John Brenz	" 14:	♂ rise		11th. ♀ rises 6 19	35 45	6 15	1 22	
Thursday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 15: 1-13	6 56		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀	45 46	6 14	2 11	
Friday	13 Wm. Farel	" 15: 14-33	7 29		♂ in apo. 7* rises 8 50	45 48	6 12	3 6	
Saturday	14 Cyprian	" 16:	7 57		♂ Andromeda south 12 30	45 49	6 11	3 49	

37] 13th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 16-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 18 min.

Sunday	15 Av. v. Grumb'h	Acts 20:	8 28		29 ♀ south 8 58	55 51	6 9	4 37	
Monday	16 Euphemia	" 21:	8 56		♂ Antares sets 9 8	55 53	6 7	5 24	
Tuesday	17 Lambert	" 22: 23:	9 46		♀ rises 4 1	55 55	6 5	6 10	
Wednesday	18 Ember Day	" 24: 25:	10 30		♂ ♀ ☉	65 56	6 4	7 4	
Thursday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 26:	11 20		♂ 19. ♀ stationary	65 57	6 3	7 42	
Friday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 27:	11 59		♂ Pollux rises 11 58	75 58	6 2	8 31	
Saturday	21 Matthew	" 28:	morn.		♂ Altair south 7 48	75 59	6 1	9 20	

38] 14th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.

Sunday	22 Mauritius	Eph. 1: 1-14	1 15		4 ♀ ♀ ♀ ☉ ☉ enters ^{D. & N.} equal.	76 06	0 10	6	
Monday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	2 29		19 Autumn com. ♀ sta.	86 15	59 10	52	
Tuesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 2: 11-3	3 40		♂ ♀ rises 5 10	86 35	57 11	40	
Wednesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 4: 1-17	4 43		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ gr. elon. W	86 45	56 12	34	
Thursday	26 Lioba	" 4: 18	♂ sets		♂ 26th. ♀ in per. ♀ ♀	96 55	55 1	26	
Friday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 5: 6: 1-9	6 20		♀ rises 4 28	96 65	54 2	13	
Saturday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 6: 10	6 57		♂ ♀ south 11 56	96 75	54 3	4	

39] 15th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. Day's Length, 11 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	29 St. Michael	Colos. 1:	7 28		16 ♀ south 8 2	106 85	52 3	48	
Monday	30 Jerome	" 2: 3: 1-4	8 6		29 Fomal south 10 24	106 105	50 4	34	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d, 3 o'clock, 24 min., afternoon.
Full Moon, 11th, 10 " 48 " forenoon.
Last Quarter, 19th, 1 " 28 " afternoon.
New Moon, 26th, 9 " 8 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 12, showers; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, warm; 26, 27, stormy; 28, 29, 30, fair.

(♂) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun the 18th of this month, and cannot be seen.
(♂) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 22d of this month, and shines all night.



CLEAR YOUR CHURCH RECORDS.

This is very important. Many a church roll is a queer list. Here are names of members,—*dead*, two or perhaps ten years, and yet no note of the fact; *moved away*, so long ago they are almost forgotten, but never dismissed; *suspended*, five or perhaps twenty years ago, and never restored; *gone to other denominations*, but not so marked; *lost good standing* while absent, and so neither disciplined nor dismissed, but carried along from year to year—what a miserable jumble!

In case a new pastor takes up the roll, it is a puzzle both to him and likely to his officers. When any difficulty arises, and the voting is close, who can tell who is really entitled to a vote? And when the statistics of that church are to be made out, who is to be counted as a member?

Clear your church record. Do so every year or two, and the work is easy; but wait ten years, and the gathered rubbish frightens one.

THAT WAS THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The son of a Reformed Elder, a poor man in Western Pennsylvania, soon after his confirmation said, "Father, I want to subscribe toward our pastor's salary."

"Very well. How much can you pay?"

"If you will give me a small patch of ground to work, I can pay five dollars."

The ground was given, and the boy with his own hands worked it. When this crop of corn, potatoes, and cabbage was marketed, it brought him fifteen dollars!

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. x. 22).

This boy helped the congregation, as every member should try to do, and bought himself a suit of clothes besides!

That was the right spirit. Such catechumens make useful members, and are a great comfort to the pastor.

IS IT FAIR?

Congregations without a pastor commonly ask the visiting minister or supply, "What are your expenses?" That is, what has he paid out to get there?

If he came by car or coach, he names the fare, and it is paid; but if by his own conveyance, or even afoot, he meekly answers, "I had no expenses," and the good people are glad; for now they need not pay him anything.

In either case he must lose his time, risk his life, often be at serious inconvenience, and give his service *free*.

Is this right? Should not congregations make this bad habit a matter of conscience? Is it common honesty? Has a vacant congregation any right to the free service of a visiting minister? If the system of supplies were not so cheap, financially, likely such charges would be more anxious to get a pastor.

"DIOTREPES loveth to have the pre-eminence among them" (3 John 9). He likes to be a leader and a ruler, not for the glory of God, but for the glory of Diotrepes. He does much harm and is hard to manage.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Remigius	Col. 3: 5-4	8 59		12 ♀ rises 4 41		10 6 11 5	49 5 21
Wednesday	2 Chr. Schmid	Philemon	9 48		25 Sirius rises 1 6		11 6 12 5	48 6 12
Thursday	3 The two Ewaldes	Philip. 1: 1-26	10 47		7 3d. Rigel rises 10 3		11 6 13 5	47 6 52
Friday	4 Franciscus	" 1: 27-2:	11 49		19 ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 11 29		11 6 15 5	45 7 41
Saturday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3: 4:	morn.		1 Altair south 6 59		12 6 16 5	44 8 30

40] 16th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 11 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	6 Henry Albert	1 Tim. 1:	12 51		13 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.		12 6 17 5	43 9 22
Monday	7 Theodore Beza	" 2:	1 52		25 ♀. Rigel rises 9 49		12 6 19 5	41 10 12
Tuesday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3:	2 53		7 * rises 7 17		12 6 20 5	40 10 54
Wednesday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 3: 14-4: 10	3 54		19 ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 11 11		13 6 21 5	39 11 42
Thursday	10 Justus Jonas	" 4: 11-5: 16	4 55		1 ♀ in apo.		13 6 23 5	37 12 38
Friday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 5: 17	♂ rises.		13 11th. Orion rises 10 14		13 6 24 5	36 1 33
Saturday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 6:	6 10		26 ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ rises 10 14		13 6 25 5	35 2 20

41] 17th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6. Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 min.

Sunday	13 Elizabeth Fry	Titus 1:	6 35		9 ♀ sets 10 59		14 6 27 5	33 3 4
Monday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 2:	6 59		22 Fomal south 9 32		14 6 28 5	32 3 48
Tuesday	15 Aurelia	" 3:	7 30		5 Marcab south 9 37		14 6 29 5	31 4 36
Wednesday	16 Gallus	2 Tim. 1:	8 24		19 Sirius rises 12 12		14 6 30 5	30 5 24
Thursday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 2:	9 39		3 Aldebaran rises 8 3		15 6 32 5	28 6 10
Friday	18 St. Luke, Ev.	" 3:	10 56		17 ♀ south 10 40		15 6 33 5	27 7 6
Saturday	19 Bruno	" 4:	morn.		0 19th. ♀ rises 5 29		15 6 34 5	26 8 2

42] 18th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 22: 34-46: 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	Heb. 1:	12 12		15 ♀. Antares sets 7 19		15 6 35 5	25 8 52
Monday	21 Hilarion	" 2:	1 26		29 ♀ ♀ ♀. ☐ ♀ ☉		15 6 37 5	23 9 41
Tuesday	22 Hedwig	" 3: 4:	2 46		14 ♀ sets 10 30		15 6 38 5	22 10 35
Wednesday	23 Henry Martin.	" 5:	3 49		28 ☉ enters ♍		16 6 39 5	21 11 30
Thursday	24 Arethas	" 6:	4 59		12 ♀ ♀ ☉ Superior [♀ ♀		16 6 41 5	19 12 25
Friday	25 John Herz	" 7:	♂ sets		26 25th. ♀ in per. ♀ ♀		16 6 42 5	18 1 19
Saturday	26 Frederick III.	" 8:	5 35		10 ♀ rises 5 49		16 6 43 5	17 1 57

43] 19th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	27 Frumentius	Heb. 9: 1-14	6 12		24 ♀ south 10 0		16 6 44 5	16 2 45
Monday	28 Simon and Jude	" 9: 15	6 48		7 Rigel rises 8 25		16 6 45 5	15 3 32
Tuesday	29 Alfred the Great	" 10: 1-18	7 42		20 ♀ in ♍. Orion rises 9 8		16 6 47 5	13 4 16
Wednesday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 10: 19-39	8 46		3 Sirius rises 11 18		16 6 48 5	12 5 8
Thursday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 11:	9 39		15 ♀ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 9 56		16 6 49 5	11 5 48

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d, 2 o'clock, 0 min., morning.
 Full Moon, 11th, 3 " 52 " "
 Last Quarter, 19th, 7 " 8 " "
 New Moon, 25th, 5 " 56 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, pleasant, warm; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, cold, rainy; 27, 28, 29, clear, cold; 30, 31, cloudy.



BE THOU MY GUIDE.

The morning bright, with rosy light,
Has waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own, Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day, I humbly pray
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive, and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.

MORNING PRAYERS FOR THE YOUNG.

I.

Oh God, who givest Thy beloved sleep, Thou hast watched over me through the night, and my sleep hath been sweet unto me.

To Thee, with thanksgiving, will I now direct my prayer. Oh guide me with Thine eye, this day, and order my steps in Thy word, that I may walk before Thee aright. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation. And this I beg for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

II.

Oh God our Saviour, who art rich in mercy unto all that call upon Thee, I give Thee humble and hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care over me through the night past, and for the many mercies of another day; for health and strength, for food and raiment, for home and friends, and for all the common blessings of life; but above all, I give Thee thanks for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Saviour, and for the gift of the Holy Ghost to be my Sanctifier and Comforter.

Father of mercies, and God of all grace, be Thou the guide of my youth, and teach me to cleanse my way by taking heed unto Thy word.

Incline my heart by Thy Holy Spirit to live to Thee, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days.

Holy Father, hear in heaven Thy dwelling-place; and when Thou hearest forgive; for Thine infinite mercy and love in Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour, to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

III.

Most merciful Father in heaven, I laid me down and slept, and have awaked; for Thou, Lord, hast kept me. I sing of Thy mercy in the morning, and praise Thy goodness.

Oh continue Thy loving-kindness unto me, that my soul may be joyful in Thee, the Lord.

Grant that Thy presence may ever go with me, and be Thou my strength. Make my heart sound in Thy statutes, and fill me with Thy fear all the day long.

Keep me from evil, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

I thank Thee for my only comfort in life and in death; that I am not my own, but with body and soul belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Oh keep me from turning away from Thee. Preserve me in the hour of temptation, and let the shield of Thy help be over me. Grant that I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, unto the stature of a perfect man in Him; so that serving Thee, without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life, I may finally come to Thy heavenly kingdom and glory, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises.	Sun h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 All Saints	Heb. 12:	11 16	♌ 27	1st. ♀ rises 6 1	16 6	51 5	9 6	34
Saturday	2 Victorinus	" 13:	morn.	♌ 9	Ω. Fomal south 8 16	16 6	52 5	8 7	20

44] 4th Sunday before Advent, Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	3 Pirminus	Prov. 1: 2	12 10	♌ 21	Orion rises 8 46	16 6	53 5	7 8	11
Monday	4 John A. Bengel	" 3:	1 11	♌ 3	Sirius rises 10 38	16 6	54 5	6 8	55
Tuesday	5 Hans Egede	" 4:	2 12	♌ 15	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 9 30	16 6	55 5	5 9	42
Wednesday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	" 5: 1-19	3 19	♌ 27	♄ in apo.	16 6	56 5	4 10	40
Thursday	7 Willibrord	" 6: 20-7	4 20	♌ 9	♄ sets 9 28	16 6	57 5	3 11	38
Friday	8 Willehad	" 8:	5 32	♌ 22	♄ in Aphelion	16 6	58 5	2 12	36
Saturday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 9:	♄ rise	♌ 5	♄ 9th. ♀ rises 6 19	16 6	59 5	1 1	34

45] 3d Sunday before Advent, Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 0 min.

Sunday	10 Martin Luther	John 21: 1-23	5 44	♌ 18	7* south 12 38	16 7	0 5	0 2	22
Monday	11 Martin of Tours	1 John 1: 2:	6 36	♌ 2	♄ sets 9 10	16 7	14 59	3 12	
Tuesday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 3:	7 26	♌ 15	♄ south 9 2	16 7	24 58	4 6	
Wednesday	13 Arcadius	" 4:	8 35	♌ 29	Wega sets 12 0	16 7	34 57	4 58	
Thursday	14 Pet. Mart. Vern.	" 5:	9 48	♌ 13	Spica rises 4 33	15 7	44 56	5 35	
Friday	15 John Kepler	2 John	10 36	♌ 27	Rigel rises 7 17	15 7	54 55	6 23	
Saturday	16 Casp. Creuziger	3 John	11 20	♌ 11	♄. Aldebaran rises 6 5	15 7	64 54	7 13	

46] 2d Sunday before Advent, Matt. 25: 31-46; 2 Thess. 3: 1-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	17 Bernward	Rev. 1:	morn.	♌ 26	17th. ♀ rises 6 42	15 7	74 53	8 8	
Monday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 2:	12 12	♌ 10	♄ sets 8 55	15 7	84 52	8 58	
Tuesday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 3:	1 24	♌ 24	Orion rises 7 40	14 7	94 51	9 42	
Wednesday	20 John Williams	" 4: 5; 6:	2 37	♌ 8	♄ south 8 36	14 7	104 50	10 30	
Thursday	21 Columbanus	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	3 48	♌ 22	♄ enters ♄	14 7	114 49	11 22	
Friday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 9: 13-10; 11:	4 59	♌ 5	♄ in per. ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 5 0	14 7	124 48	12 10	
Saturday	23 Clemens Roman.	" 12: 13:	6 15	♌ 19	Andromeda south 8 5	13 7	124 48	12 50	

47] 1st Sunday before Advent, Matth. 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 min.

Sunday	24 John Knox	Rev. 14: 1-13	♄ sets	♌ 2	24th. ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	13 7	134 47	1 35	
Monday	25 Catharine	" 14: 14-20	5 36	♌ 15	7* south 11 43	13 7	144 46	2 25	
Tuesday	26 Conrad	" 15:	6 33	♌ 28	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 8 6	13 7	154 45	3 14	
Wednesday	27 Marg't Blaurer	" 16: 1-8	7 36	♌ 11	Sirius rises 9 32	12 7	164 44	4 4	
Thursday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 16: 9-21	8 49	♌ 23	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 8 42	12 7	174 43	4 49	
Friday	29 Satarinus	" 17:	9 59	♌ 5	♄ stationary	12 7	174 43	5 36	
Saturday	30 St. Andrew	" 18:	11 18	♌ 17	Ω. Arietis south 9 32	11 7	184 42	6 22	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st, 4 o'clock, 49 min., evening.
Full Moon,	9th, 9 " 32 " morning.
Last Quarter,	17th, 12 " 56 " afternoon.
New Moon,	24th, 4 " 8 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, moderate; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, 20, Indian summer; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, cloudy; 29, 30, rain.



"THY KINGDOM COME."

In these words we pray for the coming of the kingdom of grace, that is, for the establishment and spread of the Christian Church in the world.

But we here pray also for the coming of Christ's kingdom of glory, that is, for the full perfection, revelation, and victory of the Church, which is possible of course only at the Second Coming of Christ; and toward this Second Coming every earnest Christian heart goes out in holy longing.

Thus the period from the day of Pentecost to this Second Coming is one great, joyful, hopeful Advent season.

LEARNING TO READ.

Some church members have never learned to read. They can read a daily paper, a fashion magazine, a political weekly, and even an occasional book of travel or history; but they have never learned to read the church paper. Of course they can read the words printed, but they are only the shell of thoughts and facts. They have never learned to feel interested in these thoughts and facts of church life and current history. To those who know and care but little what the church is doing, the church paper is a dry sheet. Its editorials, communications, announcements, and selections are for them much like the first nine chapters of First Chronicles.

"But what shall we do? How can we help it?" they ask.

Without a doubt a more earnest Christian life will do much to remedy the matter; but in any case you must *learn* to read the church paper. Read it regularly and carefully for several months, even as a task, even against your own will and taste, and surely you by that time will at least begin to want the paper.

Some people say, "We hardly get time to read the Bible;" but these would not in seventy years wear out a Bible by their own reading. The fact is, those read the Bible most who read the church paper most; and often the reverse is equally true.

Learn to read your church paper, and then you will see how many good things it has for you every week—warning just in time; comfort, just when you are a little down; and advice, just when you stand in doubt.

THINK OF THIS.

Our frontier line of immigration is eighteen hundred miles long, from the Gulf of Mexico to the British Possessions, and moves westward sixteen miles every year.

This adds to our missionary ground, every year, a territory as large as Pennsylvania!

Are we doing our part to cover this ground with missionary work?

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S Place.	Moon's Place.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. rises.	Sun sets.	Sun HIGH WATER.
			h. m. s.	a.		m. h. m.	h. m. h. m.	h. m.

48] 1st Sunday in Advent, Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.

Sunday	1 Eligius	John 1: 1-14	morn.	29	1st. Sirius rises	11 7	19 4	41 7 10
Monday	2 John Ruysbruck	Gen. 2: 4-25	12 8	11	2 sets 8 32	10 7	19 4	41 7 59
Tuesday	3 Gerhard Groot	Matt. 19: 1-12	12 50	23	3 2 h. 2 sets 12 59	10 7	20 4	40 8 46
Wednesday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	Eph. 5: 22-33	1 48	5	3 in apo.	10 7	21 4	39 9 34
Thursday	5 Crispin	1 Cor. 7:	2 46	17	3 2 Superior	9 7	21 4	39 10 21
Friday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 3:	3 40	0	3 in 2. Fomal sets 10 5	9 7	22 4	38 11 9
Saturday	7 Paulus Odontius	" 8: 15-9: 17	4 41	13	Orion rises 6 24	8 7	22 4	38 11 56

49] 2d Sunday in Advent, Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Acts 17: 15-34	5 45	26	3 gr. Elon. East	8 7	23 4	37 12 40
Monday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Gen. 15:	5 rise	10	9th. 3 sets 5 28	7 7	23 4	37 1 26
Tuesday	10 Paul Eber	Deut. 5:	5 30	24	3 rises 4 50	7 7	23 4	37 2 12
Wednesday	11 Hen. v. Zutphen	Exodus 12:	6 31	9	2 sets 8 4	7 7	24 4	36 2 54
Thursday	12 Vicelin	Deut. 27:	7 36	24	2 sets 12 37	6 7	24 4	36 3 41
Friday	13 Odilia	Romans 7:	8 47	8	3. 7* south 10 16	6 7	24 4	36 4 30
Saturday	14 Dioscorus	Leviticus 16:	9 59	22	Spica rises 2 25	5 7	25 4	35 5 12

50] 3d Sunday in Advent, Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

Sunday	15 Christiana	Is. 40: John 5:	11 11	6	Arietis south 8 27	5 7	25 4	35 5 54
Monday	16 Adelheid	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	morn.	21	16th. 3 stationary	4 7	25 4	35 6 41
Tuesday	17 Sturm	2 Samuel 7:	12 22	5	2 sets 12 11	4 7	25 4	35 7 13
Wednesday	18 Ember Day	Joel 3:	1 32	18	3 h. O. 3 in 3	3 7	25 4	35 8 34
Thursday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	Jeremiah 23:	2 44	2	2 sets 7 32	3 7	25 4	35 9 36
Friday	20 Abraham	" 31:	3 51	15	3 in per. 3 rises 4 40	2 7	25 4	35 10 46
Saturday	21 Thomas	Isa. 52: 13-53:	4 59	28	3 2 3. O. enters 3 Shortest Day.	2 7	26 4	34 11 42

51] 4th Sunday in Advent, John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

Sunday	22 Hugh McKail	John 3: 23-36	6 19	11	Winter commences	1 7	25 4	35 12 34
Monday	23 Anna du Bourg	Isaiah 42:	5 sets	24	23d. Wega sets	1 7	25 4	35 1 23
Tuesday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1-10	5 15	7	3 2 3. 3 3 3	1 7	25 4	35 1 59
Wednesday	25 Christmas	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	6 16	19	3 3 Inferior	1 7	25 4	35 2 41
Thursday	26 Stephen	Psalms 2: & 110:	7 18	1	3 2 2. 2 sets 7 4	1 7	25 4	35 3 35
Friday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	8 23	13	3. Orion south 11 21	1 7	25 4	35 4 20
Saturday	28 Innocents	" 49:	9 26	25	Wega sets 8 46	2 7	25 4	35 4 50

52] Sunday after Christmas, Matt. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	29 David	Rom. 8:	10 29	7	7* south 9 6	2 7	24 4	36 5 40
Monday	30 Christ'n of Wurttemberg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	11 32	18	3 2 h. 2 sets 11 30	3 7	24 4	36 6 20
Tuesday	31 John Wiclif	Psa. 90: & 103:	morn.	0	31st. Sirius so. 11 55	3 7	24 4	36 6 59

MOON'S PHASES.

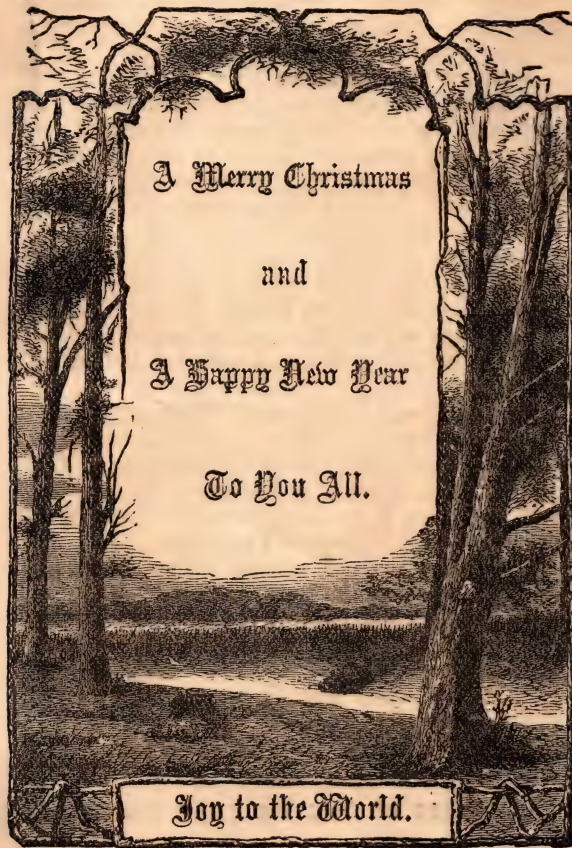
First Quarter, 1st, 11 o'clock, 36 min. forenoon.
Full Moon, 9th, 2 " 43 " afternoon.
Last Quarter, 16th, 10 " 2 " evening.
New Moon, 23d, 4 " 22 " "
First Quarter, 31st, 8 " 54 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, cold; 4, 5, rain; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, rain and snow; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, 26, rainy; 27, 28, clear, cold; 29, 30, variable.

(3). Venus is Superior conjunction with the Sun, the 5th of this month. Passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

DECEMBER.



THE CHURCH IN THE HOUSE.

Paul (Rom. 16: 5; 1 Cor. 16: 19) speaks of the Church in the house. What a beautiful thought!

The early Christians had no churches, partly because they were too poor to build them, and partly because they dared not have them. But they worshiped in some private house, several families together, or a certain district. (So indeed it was in the Reformation, when the Protestants had to have secret places of worship.)

We now have churches for public worship; but every Christian family is the Lord's church in the house.

The father is priest, pastor, and head; and this Church should have its daily worship. How

important that the newly married start out right with a positively Christian home!

Sometimes a single soul is the Lord's Church in the house—a Christian husband, wife, child, servant, or apprentice. In such case, what special need there is for faithfulness to this sacred trust, making the power of Christ to reach out to those around!

CHRISTMAS.

"Carols, and not mince-meat, make Christmas pies,
Mirth, and not dishes, sets a table off,
Brutes and phanaticks eat and never laugh."

Keeping this in mind, we can enter into the mirth of the old Knight whom Pasquil tells us about in 1609. The story is too good to be spoiled by a modern dress, and no one will quarrel with the quaint, old-fashioned diction.

"There was once an old knight, who being disposed to make himself merrie in a Christmas time, sent for many of his poor neighbours with their wives to dinner; when having made meat to be set on the table, would suffer no man to eat until he that was master of his wife should singe a carroll to the companie. Yet with much adoe, looking one upon another, after a dry hemme or two, a dreaming companion, drew out as much as hee durst towards an old dittie.

When having made an end to the great comfort of the beholders, at last it came to the woman's table, where likewise commandment was given that there should nothing be touched till she that was master of her husband had sung a Christmas carroll. Whereupon they fell *all* to such a singing that there was never heard such a catterwailing peece of musicke, whereat the knight laughed heartily, that it did him halfe as muche good as a corner of his Christmas pie."

WHAT A PITY AND A SHAME!

Many children in our families receive so little Christian instruction that they grow up very ignorant—not knowing whether they are Christians, Protestants, Jews, or Muggletonians; whether they are in the covenant or out of it; whether they belong to Christ or to the devil.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR THE YOUNG.

I.

Oh Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. And not only forgive my sins, but also grant me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may never walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Into Thy hands I now commit my body and soul for this night; and when I awake may I be still with Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in Thy faithfulness answer me, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

II.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Show me Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant me Thy salvation. Though Thou art high, yet hast Thou respect unto the lowly.

In Thee, O God, have I trusted, for Thou art my God and Father in Christ Jesus. Bless me and keep me. Make Thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lift up Thy countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Oh God, who keepest the feet of Thy saints, cause me to walk in a straight way, wherein I may not stumble, and hold up my goings in Thy paths that my footsteps slip not.

Sanctify me wholly, I beseech Thee, and grant that my whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take."

And this I ask for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

III.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him my God and my Father, to Thee do I lift up my soul in evening prayer.

Help me so to ask in the name of Christ that I

may receive; so to seek that I may find; and so to knock that it may be opened unto me.

Help me to come before Thee, the infinite God, as becometh the creature of a day, and draw Thou nigh unto me as a God of mercy and grace.

I am truly sorry for the errors and sins of this day and of my past life. Merciful God, pardon my offences. Accept my penitence, and cause it to be more sincere and heartfelt.

Grant me grace, O Lord, to flee from all temptations that may assail me, and to overcome the power of sin in my own heart.

Enlighten my mind, quicken my spirit, confirm me in Thy grace, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Enable me not only to study Thy word, but also to treasure it up in my heart, and so become rooted and grounded in the knowledge and love of God.

Direct me always by the Holy Ghost, that I may turn away from sin, follow after holiness, and become strong in truth and goodness.

Most gracious God, continue Thy mercies toward me, I beseech Thee, according to all my need. Guide and control me in all my interests by Thy fatherly, powerful providence. Help me by Thy grace always so to live in Thy fear and favor, that finally I may be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

And this I beg for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS."

This hymn was written by Rev. John Fawcett, pastor of a small Baptist country church in England. He had received and accepted a call to a large church in London, and had preached his farewell sermon. His furniture and books were on the wagons, and the weeping congregation, men, women, and children, were gathered to say farewell.

Mrs. Fawcett, sitting on one of the boxes, weeping, looked up into her husband's face and said:

"O John, John! I cannot bear this!"

"Nor I, either," said the good man, in tears; "nor will we go. Unload the wagons and put everything where it was before."

The people cried with joy. Then it was that he wrote the immortal hymn,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

NOTE.—The Mercersburg Classis was organized at Mercersburg, Pa., November 12th, A. D. 1840.

PLACE.	TIME.	PRESIDENT.
1st. Funkstown.....Md.	May 18th, 1841.....	Rev. ALBERT HELFFENSTEIN.
2d. Bedford.....Pa.	" 14th, 1842.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER.
3d. Waynesboro'.....	" 20th, 1843.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
4th. Alexandria.....	" 17th, 1844.....	" JOHN H. A. BOMBERGER.
5th. Martinsburg.....	" 16th, 1845.....	" JACOB ZIEGLER.
6th. Bloody Run (now Everett).....	" 1st, 1846.....	" GEORGE W. WILLIARD.
7th. Shippensburg.....	" 7th, 1847.....	" SAMUEL H. REID.
8th. Friends' Cove.....	" 5th, 1848.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER.
9th. Greencastle.....	" 4th, 1849.....	" JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D.
10th. Schellsburg.....	" 3d, 1850.....	" GEORGE W. GLESSNER.
11th. St. Thomas.....	" 16th, 1851.....	" FREDERICK A. RUPLEY.
12th. Marklesburg.....	" 7th, 1852.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
13th. Waynesboro'.....	" 13th, 1853.....	" HENRY WAGNER.
14th. Bedford.....	" 19th, 1854.....	" JEREMIAH HELLER.
15th. Alexandria.....	" 18th, 1855.....	" HENRY HECKERMAN.
16th. Shippensburg.....	" 16th, 1856.....	" SAMUEL N. CALLENDER.
17th. Greencastle.....	" 15th, 1857.....	" BERNARD C. WOLFF, D. D.
18th. Martinsburg.....	" 14th, 1858.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
19th. Huntingdon.....	" 13th, 1859.....	" BENJAMIN S. SCHNECK, D. D.
20th. Chambersburg.....	" 18th, 1860.....	" HENRY W. SUPER.
21st. Mercersburg.....	" 17th, 1861.....	" JACOB HASSLER.
22d. Bedford.....	" 16th, 1862.....	" BENJAMIN BAUSMAN.
23d. Martinsburg.....	" 15th, 1863.....	" THOMAS G. APPLE.
24th. Waynesboro'.....	" 6th, 1864.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER, D. D.
25th. Shippensburg.....	" 19th, 1865.....	" ISAAC G. BROWN.
26th. Alexandria.....	" 18th, 1866.....	" HENRY HECKERMAN.
27th. Pattonville.....	" 17th, 1867.....	" WALTER E. KREBS.
28th. Greencastle.....	" 14th, 1868.....	" PETER S. DAVIS.
29th. Chambersburg.....	" 13th, 1869.....	" JOHN W. LOVE.
30th. Schellsburg.....	" 19th, 1870.....	" SAMUEL N. CALLENDER.
31st. Bedford.....	June 8th, 1871.....	" EMANUEL V. GERHART, D. D.
32d. Mercersburg.....	" 6th, 1872.....	" MOSES KIEFFER, D. D.
33d. Altoona.....	" 12th, 1873.....	" DANIEL Y. HEISLER.
34th. Everett.....	" 4th, 1874.....	" JOHN A. PETERS.
35th. Waynesboro'.....	April 21st, 1875.....	" ADAM C. WHITMER.
36th. Greencastle.....	May 17th, 1876.....	" ALBERT G. DOLE.
37th. Marklesburg.....	" 23d, 1877.....	" JACOB HASSLER.

ADDENDA.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger was elected Secretary in 1841 and 1842; Rev. M. Kieffer in 1843; Rev. A. H. Kremer in 1844; Rev. F. W. Kremer in 1845; Rev. Theodore Appel in 1846; Rev. Alfred Nevin in 1847; Rev. F. A. Rupley in 1848; Rev. J. S. Foulk in 1849; Rev. S. H. Reid in 1850. Rev. J. S. Foulk served as Stated Clerk from 1851 to 1857. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick has held this office from 1857 to the present.

Elder Barnard Wolff was elected Treasurer for seven consecutive years; Rev. S. R. Fisher for seventeen years; Rev. J. Hassler for five years; Rev. M. Kieffer for two years, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick for six years.

MERCERSBURG, Pa., August 1, 1877.

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ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.....	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT.....	62
Butler, Butler County, Pa.....	Rev. T. F. STAUFFER	40

SYNODICAL TREASURERS.

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Treasurer.—WM. D. GROSS, Philadelphia.

Treasurer of Home Missions.—CHARLES SANTEE, Philada.

Treasurer of Church Extension.—GEORGE GELBACH, Philada.

Treasurer of Foreign Missions.—T. J. CRAIG, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Treasurer.—GEORGE W. HENSEL, Lancaster, Pa.

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SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Treasurer.—T. J. CRAIG, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Treasurer of Board of Education.—Rev. Dr. GEO. B. RUSSELL, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Treasurer.—WM. D. GROSS, Philadelphia.

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Treasurer.—B. WOLFF, Craig Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
EAST PENNSYLVANIA.....	St. Mark's Church, Easton, Pa.....	May 27th, 1878.....
LEBANON.....	Leesport, Pa.....	June 11th, 1878.....
PHILADELPHIA.....	Boehm's Church, Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.....	June 14th, 1878.....
LANCASTER.....	Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	June 13th, 1878
EAST SUSQUEHANNA.....	Millersburg, Pa.....	June 13th, 1878.....
WEST SUSQUEHANNA.....	Williamsport, Pa.....	May 1st, 1878. ...
GOSHENHOPPEN.....	Boyertown, Pa.....	June 14th, 1878.....
TOHICKON.....	Applebachsville, Pa.....	May 30th, 1878.....
WESTMORELAND.....	Trinity Church, Salem, Westmoreland Co., Pa.....	June 14th, 1878.....
CLARION.....	Munroville, Clarion Co., Pa.....	June 6th, 1878.....
ST. PAUL'S.....	Brown's Church, Crawford Co., Pa.....	June 13th, 1878.....
SOMERSET.....	Somerset, Pa.....	June 13th, 1878.....
ALLEGHENY.....	Henshue's Church, Butler Charge, Butler Co., Pa.....	May 1st, 1878.....
ZIONS.....	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.	June 1st, 1878
MARYLAND.....	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., Md.....	May 31st, 1878.....
MERCERSBURG.....	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.....	April 25th, 1878.....
VIRGINIA.....	St. Michael's Church, Rockingham Co., Va.....	May 31st, 1878.....
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Mount Zion Church, Rowan Co., N. C.....	May 23d, 1878.....
SAN FRANCISCO..... 1878.....

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1876 TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1877.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
HENRY AURAND.....	May 7, 1833...	May 7, 1833....	Lena, Ill.....	Oct. 8th, 1876.....	71
JEREMIAH HELLER.....	May, 1837...	— 1838....	New Jefferson, Ohio.....	Nov. 3d, 1876.....	69
DAVID W. KELLEY.....	— 1858...	— 1858....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	Feb. 3d, 1877.....	45
NATHANIEL E. BRESSLER.....	— 1846...	— 1846....	Halifax, Pa.....	March 8th, 1877...	56
DAVID B. ERNST.....	May, 1844...	— 1844....	Bath, Pa.....	March 11th, 1877...	62
JOSEPH S. DUBBS, D. D.....	— 1822...	Sept., 1823....	Allentown, Pa.....	April 14th, 1877...	81
JOHN BECK, D. D.....	Oct., 1850...	— 1850....	Easton, Pa.....	April 19th, 1877...	45
CHARLES F. HOFFMEIER.....	May, 1843...	Nov. 19, 1843...	Lancaster, Pa.....	April 19th, 1877...	74
JONATHAN ZELLERS.....	Sep. 30, 1830 ..	Sep. 30, 1830...	Lock Haven, Pa.....	Aug. 3d, 1877.....	72

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
<i>English.—</i>			
The Messenger.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly	1827.....
Christian World.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	1848.....
The Guardian.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Monthly	1850.....
Child's Treasury.....	" " " "	Semi-monthly.....	1859.....
Mercersburg Review.....	" " " "	Quarterly.....	1849.....
The Instructor.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Quarterly.....	1873.....
Leaves of Light.....	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1873.....
<i>German.—</i>			
Kirchenzeitung und Evangelist.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Weekly	1838.....
Reformirte Hausfreund.....	Reading, Pa.....	Every other week...	1866.....
Der Lammerhirte.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Monthly.....	1859.....

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmed.	By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom-municated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
						Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation- ¹ Purposes.
Synod in U. S.....	8	200	443	63,560	36,960	5,787	188	3,797	1,261	51,398	656	88		2,263	463	31,250	61	\$31,037	\$185,063
Synod of Ohio.....	12	158	338	24,041	11,910	1,638	473	1,770	858	19,142	377	31	560	610	252	18,668	35	6,404	84,696
Synod of N. W.....	9	125	192	16,998	13,600	1,553	7	1,002	594	12,181	305	110	34	469	148	8,594	14	6,940	31,359
Synod of Pittsburg...	5	50	112	9,312	7,425	892		539	322	8,155	155	8		199	89	5,808	9	6,002	13,267
Synod of Potomac...	6	112	246	25,129	15,007	1,953		1,625	465	21,756	334	8		665	207	13,680	38	13,144	
East German Synod	5	35	37	7,861	5,575	1,647	8	608	396	6,532	142	4		509	39	5,604	3	3,987	43,198
Total: 6 Synods.....	45	680	1,368	146,901	91,077	13,470	676	9,341	3,896	119,164	1,969	249	594	4,715	1,198	83,604	160	\$67,514	\$357,583

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	Rev. T. G. APPLE, D. D.
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 Albright, G. M., Columbus Junc., Louisa Co., Iowa.
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 Apple, J. H., Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa.
 Apple, Dr. T. G., Prof., Lancaster, Pa.
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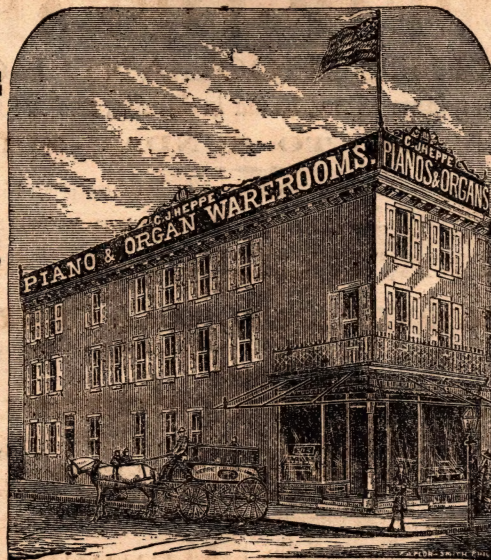
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